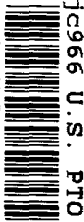


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- ☐ continuation  
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application of pending prior Application No. 09/443,713 and 09/643,333, filed on December 1, 1999 and August 22, 2000 respectively.

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1. ☒ Enclosed is a copy of the oath or declaration filed in the prior application.
2. ☐ Enclosed is a newly executed oath or declaration.
3. ☒ Enclosed is a copy of the specification as filed in the prior application.
4. ☒ Enclosed is an **amended** specification.
5. ☒ Enclosed are 14 sheet(s) of drawings.
6. ☒ The entire disclosure of the prior application is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein. (not applicable for CIP)
7. ☐ Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:  
 This is a continuation of Application No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed \_\_\_\_.
8. ☐ Please cancel claims \_\_\_\_\_.
9. ☐ A preliminary amendment is enclosed.
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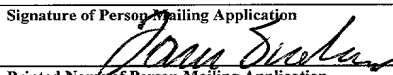
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12. An assignment
- ☒ to 3M Innovative Properties Company is of record in the prior application.
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13. ☐ A power of attorney is enclosed.
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